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discussion? Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I simply ask the body to advance LB 483. I think it brings the first class cities in the line what other cities do, and I think...visiting with Senator Beutler, has an amendment he will offer on Select File which I think does a better job of clarifying the issue. So with that, I'd ask for the advancement of this...of LB 483.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The question is the advancement of LB 483 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Voting on the advancement of LB 483. Voting on the advancement of LB 483. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 484 was introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 10, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to open on LB 484.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, this makes three changes in state statute. The first, Section 1, amends Section 17-543 (sic--17-541) to provide that water commissions in cities of second class and villages to be appointed in December along with appointment of other municipal official rather than May as in the current statute. This would be the same meeting as which newly elected council members and other elected officials would formally take office. The second section amends Section 17-614 to clarify that the village board may suspend the three readings generally required in the ordinance by three-fourths vote of the board. The current statute implies it is possible, but LB 484 makes it explicit that village boards have the authority, which was shared by